

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969 + Church Blessed May 16, 2006
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Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Most Reverend John S. Pazzak, C.Ss.R

DIVINE LITURGIES

SUNDAY 10:00 am

HOLY DAYS

Vesper/Liturgy 7:30 pm
& Feast Day 9:00 am

DAILY

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9:00 am
No Liturgy on Thursdays

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 9:30 -9:50 am
Daily 8:30 - 8:50 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Closed on Thursdays
Give a courtesy call before
coming to the Office.

ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko,
Mara Weil, Bruce Terry, Helen
Malinick, Nina Erickson, John
Sheftic & Beth Gath

FINANCE COUNCIL

Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko &
Robert Erickson



BAPTISM/CHRISMATION & COMMUNION Membership & Preparation classes required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS the parish office must be contacted. Anointing of the Sick is available in church after the Liturgy.

CROWNING OF MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

QUINCEANERA available for parish members.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION September - June on Sunday after the Parish Liturgy. Marya Weil Religious Coordinator. Preschool through High School

PARISH CHOIR director Robert Pipta. Rehearsal every other week. Want to join? See our director.

Parish Membership

The Parish Family of Annunciation is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church
- who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)
- who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.

Served by Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

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Holy Services for Great & Holy Week and Easter Sunday, The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Sat 3/24 Lazarus Saturday
 9:00 am *God's blessing on Shelly & Jim Anders & Family by Gloria & Salvador Solis*
Hebrew Readings for Sunday
 Genesis 28: 10-17 & Zechariah 9: 9-15

Sun 3/25 Palm (Flowery) Sunday, Tone 1, & The Feast of the Annunciation(Our Parish Feast Day)
 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30-9:50 am Confessions
 10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*

Palm Sunday celebrates the glorious and brilliant feast of the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Zechariah had prophesied the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem, saying: "*Rejoice heartily, O daughter of Zion; shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you, a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.*" Zechariah 9:9.

The contemporary Jews associated this prophecy with the expected Messiah. This action of Christ testifies to His nature as Savior, but with the definite declaration that His Kingdom: was not of this world. The news that Christ was in Bethany provoked a general enthusiasm of acceptance, but also of indignation among the High Priests, who had decided to kill Christ. The main road leading to Jerusalem was covered with palm trees. The multitudes, with palm branches in their hands, spread their cloaks on the road as a show of respect, crying out- "*Hosanna to the Son of David,- blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*" All the actions and words of the people and, of Christ had a Messianic meaning readily recognized by the Jews of that time. As usual, Christ went immediately to the Temple, where He prayed and taught. That evening He departed for Bethany. A custom of distributing branches of palms to the people in the Church prevails to this day, commemorating the victory of Christ against the evil powers.

Holy Week Services

The most ancient and most impressive liturgical celebrations of the Byzantine Church are the Holy Week services that commemorate and represent the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Paschal Mystery is central to the Christian experience, not as history only, not as something we read about only, but as something every Christian lives.

Through our baptismal union with Christ, every Christian dies with Him, is buried with Him, rises to new life with Him. Bolstered by the liturgy of Holy Week, Christians proclaim in their lives by word and deed that Christ died to save all humanity and that He now lives forever as the Risen Lord, granting life to all those who believe in His Name. Christianity is not only a moral code of behavior or a philosophy; it is a life that has entered fully into the Paschal Mystery of Death and Resurrection.

The full import can only be realized by participating in Holy Week services and experiencing them. However, it is helpful to present here the main themes that run through the liturgy of Holy Week.

3/26 Holy Monday
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.....7:30 pm
Special Intention for Gloria & Salvador Solis

We recall Blessed Joseph of the Old Testament who was beaten by his brothers, left for dead, and enslaved by foreigners. While his father, Jacob mourned for his son, Joseph was gloriously reigning as a lord of Egypt, and later saved his father and his people. *This prefigures the salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sold for 30 pieces of silver, arrested, condemned and suffered His bitter Passion for us . . . then rose gloriously having granted life to those in the tombs!*

3/27 Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service
Bridegroom Matins.....9:00 am
Final Session on the Book of Revelation.....7:30 pm

We recall the Lord's parable regarding the wise and foolish virgins. The wise virgins continually awaited the coming of their Master with alertness, their lamps burning through the darkness. The foolish ones went to sleep, assuming they would have enough time to prepare at the last minute. But the Bridegroom came in the midst of the night, rewarding those who kept watch for Him and casting out those who wasted the opportunity to prepare to meet him.

3/28 Holy Wednesday
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Anointing of the Sick for all baptized Christians present.....7:30 pm
God's blessing on John Kosakowski by Jessica Hoskinson

The Church gives us the example of the adulteress who, once she met the Lord, realized the gravity of her sins, fell down before Him and washed His feet with her tears and precious perfumes. The hymns urge us to imitate the sinful women by confessing our sins and turning away from them. **Holy Anointing** in remembrance of this tremendous act of love brought about by one who was sinful, the Church brings forth for us on this night the holy oils, and celebrates the Mystery of Anointing for health of body, mind and spirit.

3/29 Holy Thursday
Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great.....7:30 pm
for all married couples by Ron Pasmant

"On the night when He was betrayed, or rather, when He surrendered Himself for the life of the world", our Lord ate a last meal with His apostles. At this meal, Christ gave His own Body and Blood to His disciples. He also announced that one of the apostles would betray Him. These two events, the institution of the Eucharist and the betrayal of Judas, are the two themes that mark the services of Holy Thursday. "Truly Judas is the son of those ungrateful who ate the manna in the wilderness, and murmured against the Nourisher; for while food was still in their mouths, those ingrates murmured against God.

Likewise this wicked one, while the Holy Bread was still in his mouth, conspired to betray the Savior." (Vespers of Holy Thursday) The Liturgy of St. Basil is combined with Vespers on Holy Thursday and celebrated the evening.

**3/30 Good Friday Matins.....12 Noon
Strict Fast—No Meat or Dairy Products**

The Matins of Good Friday are a meditation upon the Passion of Christ. Within the customary framework of Matins, the morning prayer of the Church, the entire Passion narrative from all four evangelists is read. It is divided into 12 Gospels that start with the foot-washing at the Last Supper and ends with the Burial of Jesus. In between each Gospel are hymns that poetically praise Christ for His love and for His long-suffering.

3/30 Good Friday Vespers with Candlelight Procession with the Holy Shroud of our Lord and placing the Shroud in the Tomb.....7:30 pm

The main service of Good Friday is the Solemn Vespers celebrated in the evening. The church is darkened as the sun was darkened when Christ was on the cross. All creation trembled with fear. The Hymns of Vespers contemplate the supreme love for mankind that Christ has, proved by His willingness to undergo the terrible suffering of the Cross.

During the second part of Vespers, the faithful begin to sing of Christ's Burial by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. "Joseph, with Nicodemus, took You down from the cross, Your body clothed in glory as with a robe—but seeing You lifeless, naked, and unburied, began to weep and lament, saying: 'Great is my sorrow, O Sweet Jesus! The sun, seeing you hanging upon the cross, was clothed in darkness, the earth quaked in fear, and the curtain of the temple was torn asunder. But behold, I now see You as accepting death for my sake. How, O my God, shall I bury You? With what type of shroud shall I wrap You? With what hands shall I touch Your body not subject to decay? O gracious Lord, with what songs shall I hymn Your departure? I exalt Your suffering. I extol in song Your burial and resurrection, calling out: O Lord, glory to You.' " (Hymn of Vespers)

At the end of Vespers, the Holy Shroud, an Icon of Christ's body, is carried by the priest in a candlelight procession around the church, living the events of the first Good Friday night. It is placed in a tomb in the center of the church for the veneration of the faithful.

**3/31 Holy Saturday Abstinence from Meat
Jerusalem Matins with Procession w/ Shroud...9:00 am**

This Lamentation Service is the Matins of Saturday morning. It consists of psalms, hymns and readings, dealing with the death of Christ, in contrast to His divinity, and in expectation of His Resurrection. One of the hymns relates: "He who holds all things is raised up on the Cross and all creation laments to see Him hang naked on the Tree". The thoughtful, and well-written Odes, sung by the choir, compare the Compassion of God and the cruelty of man; the Might of God and the moral weakness of man. The Odes picture all Creation trembling when witnessing

its Creator hung by His own creatures: "Creation was moved . . . with intense astonishment when it beheld you hung in Golgotha". The Odes remind us of the vision of Isaiah, who saw Christ, "the unwaning light of the manifestation", and cried aloud, "The dead indeed shall arise and all those on earth shall rejoice". During this service the Body of Christ is carried in procession around the church. The entire congregation joins in singing the, three parts of the "Hymns of Praise" (there are approximately 300 hymns, but only a few are sung). After these hymns are sung, the priest sprinkles the Sepulcher and the whole congregation with fragrant water. There is a simultaneous praise of both the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ with their purpose of the redemption of man. We no longer lament the sufferings of the Crucified One; we now lament chiefly for our own sins because we are far from God. So these services should have a rather personal meaning of repentance and of strong faith in God.

**3/31 Holy Saturday Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great4:00 pm
Blessing of the Paschal Foods after the Liturgy**

On the 7th day of the week, Christ's Body rested in the tomb, while He was freeing the souls of all the righteous held captive by the kingdom of death. The priest begins the Liturgy fully vested in dark vestments for it is still a time of penance. After readings from the Old Testament and the Epistle, the faithful begin to sing a special response: "Arise, O God, and judge the earth; for all nations belong to You" instead of the usual "Alleluia". Holy Saturday is the only day of the year that the "Alleluia" is not sung. During the singing of "Arise, O God. . ." the priest changes into bright vestments in order to proclaim the Resurrection Gospel: "He is not here—He is Risen!"

**4/1 The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Candlelight Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
For our parish members and friends**

The priest and faithful with lighted candles exit the church in procession as the Myrrh-bearing Women went to the Tomb of Christ at dawn. The doors of the church are closed. Standing before them, as before the Tomb of Christ, the priest begins to sing and proclaim: "*Christ is risen from the dead. By death He trampled Death, and to those in the graves. He granted life;*" The priest then marks the doors of the Church with the sign of the Cross, and all enter the church which is ablaze with light to begin singing the Resurrection Canon.

The Resurrection Canon is a series of hymns that celebrate the Resurrection of Christ which gives us eternal life. At the end of the Canon, all the faithful approach to kiss the Holy Cross, which is no longer a symbol of suffering and death, but a triumphant sign of Christ's glory. "*It is the day of Resurrection! O People, let us be enlightened by this feast. And let us embrace one another. Let us call "Brethren" even those that hate 'us, and because of the Resurrection, let us forgive all things and let us sing:*

Christ is Risen. ..." After the Holy Services, the Paschal Foods are blessed in the Parish Hall. The faithful remain and Break-the-FAST with the blessed foods.

LET US JOIN WITH THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Margarette Samul Family	Frank Malinick
Chuck Johnson	Sister Chris Malcovsky
Bill Drahusz	Ron & Isabel Christian
Nina Erickson	Joel Rivera
Frances Bisaha	Fr Milan & Maria Kasperek
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Stephen Torday	Fr. Christopher Petruska
Joseph Moran	Bob & Rita Pipta
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Jessica Kanenbley
Judy Livingston	Brian Safian
June Yontos,	Lauren Harnett
Betty Perebzak	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Alex Vida	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant
Ethan McArthur	Fr Christopher Zugger
Johnny Dushanko	

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to abcc72069@gmail.com

**7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING
ICONS OF OUR LORD & THEOTOKOS**

The special envelopes are available on the greeting table.
The donation for the Icon Candles are \$5.

Eternal Light-Candle

*Spiritual & Physical Well-being of All
by Richard Kaikonapiliani Sesma*

Our Lord

Nina & Bob Erickson by Helen Bruce

Theotokos

Dugan Family by Helen Bruce

Tetrapod

Special Intention for Sally Rock

Schedule of Readers

3/25	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Brad Franklin	Phillipians 4:4-9 or Hebrews 2:11-18
4/01	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Acts 1:1-8
4/08	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Sherill Franklin	Acts 5:12-20

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

*Thank you for your love
and service to the parish community.*

March The Terry Family, Bob Weil & John Kopko

We thank our parishioners for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **TODAY—Our Easter Bake Sale** be sure to pick up your bake goods today. The Parish Kitchen is **CLOSED FOR HOLY AND GREAT WEEK**. Our kitchen staff needs time to prepare for the Holy Week Services. Thank you for your generous support and love for God’s Holy House.
- * **FUNERAL SERVICES** for +*Jean Anderson* and her daughter +*Gail Strachan* is scheduled for Friday April 20 at 10:00 am, Luncheon to follow and Interment Service at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.
- * **You may leave your Old Palms** and branches in the back of the church. Father will properly dispose of them.
- * **Bishop’s Appeal 2018** —Please return your pledges, payments and forms directly to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Checks and Money Orders made out to **EPARCHY OF PHOENIX**. Be sure to note Annunciation in the memo line for credit to our parish. Credit/Debit Cards may be used for payments. Please do not send cash.

Payments/Correspondence to:
Eparchy of Phoenix
Bishop’s Appeal
8105 N. 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85020

23 Total Pledges as of 3/14: \$5,300.00

120 Households X \$275 = \$33,000.00—Our Goal

- * **50/50 RAFFLE** a big thank you to *Joanne Kopko*, she will be selling the tickets for the **Sanctuary Fund**. The sale of the tickets will take place in the parish hall.
\$5 per ticket \$20 per five tickets. The drawing will take place at the end of the month. Need not be present to win.

Gift Shop is Open Sue & Carol have updated the shop and added a few new items. Be sure to stop in after the Liturgy for a browse. The shop is only available on Sunday after the Liturgy

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship March 19

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 125 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,437.00

Youth Tithes: \$6.50

Easter Flowers: \$55.00

Candles: \$162.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$900.00

Bake Sale: \$541.00

Special Donation: \$700.00

Boy Scout Donation: \$255.44

Donation for Church Roof Repairs: \$1,650.00

Mortgage Balance 1/10/18 \$954,558.98

Please remember our parish in your **Will & Bequests**.
Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord’s Holy House